

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated September 27, 2005. Claims 1 to 4, 6 to 8, 10, 25, 26 and 28 to 30 and 32 remain in the application, with Claims 5, 9, 11 to 24, 27, 31 and 33 to 40 having been cancelled herein. Claims 1, 8, 10, 25, 28, 30 and 32 are the independent claims herein.

Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.


Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the indication that Claims 5, 27 and 28 would be allowable if they are rewritten into independent form. Applicants have chosen to incorporate the allowable subject matter of Claim 5 into Claims 1, 8 and 10, and to incorporate the allowable subject matter of Claim 27 into Claims 25, 30 and 32. Accordingly, each of the independent claims, namely Claims 1, 8, 10, 25, 30 and 32, as well as the claims dependent therefrom, are believed to be allowable.

Claims 1 to 4, 7 to 10, 25 and 30 to 32 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,793,414 (Shaffer), and 6, 26 and 29 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Shaffer. Without conceding the correctness of the rejections, the rejections are believed to be obviated by the incorporation of allowable subject matter into each of the independent claims. Nonetheless, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested.

No other matters having been raised, the entire application is believed to be in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

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